

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

# District 3 Slate

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## Slater-Price Begins New Term on Board

### *Fiscal Stability Top Priority*

**I**n a January morning ceremony, Supervisor Pam Slater-Price was sworn in for a fifth term representing the Third District. She pledged to continue to support good government that is based on financial reality while promoting improved public safety and championing sound, pragmatic environmentalism.

"First and foremost, the County of San Diego must maintain a balanced budget during this time of economic uncertainty," explained Supervisor Slater-Price. "Good government begins and ends with fiscal responsibility. You cannot have good parks, good libraries, first-class fire and police protection if you do not have your financial house in order."

The nationwide recession, combined with California's budget deficit, which ranges between \$20 billion and \$40 billion and has been, in recent years offset by denying or reducing funding to local municipalities for state-mandated social-service programs, means the County of San Diego is facing unique challenges this budget year, says Supervisor Slater-Price.



Supervisor Pam Slater-Price is sworn into her fifth term on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors accompanied by her husband, Hershell.

"I am proud that the County of San Diego has its financial house in order," she reports. "The current budget of \$5 billion includes a prudent reserve. However, factors outside our control, such as the meltdown on Wall Street, will impact what we can do in the next

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## Future Is Secure With Rejection of Toll Road

### *San Elijo Nature Center To Make Its Debut*

**S**upervisor Pam Slater-Price and the county Department of Parks and Recreation invite the public to celebrate the opening ceremony for the new San Elijo Nature Center at 11 a.m. Jan. 31 at 2710 Manchester Ave., Cardiff by the Sea. The two-story building is made from recycled materials and features solar panels, irrigated roof plants and recycled water. Exhibits focus on the lagoon and its ecosystem. E-mail your RSVP to [Mina.Nguyen@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Mina.Nguyen@sdcounty.ca.gov).



**I**n a major victory for proponents of planned growth and government accountability, the federal Commerce Department has ruled there are other, better alternates to constructing a proposed six-lane toll road through south Orange County that endangered dedicated park land and coastal amenities, including the famed Treastles surf beach.

"I am absolutely thrilled that staff with the Department of Commerce upheld the state Coastal Commission decision regarding the Route 214 toll road, which as pro-

posed would connect to Interstate 5 at the San Diego County line," said an elated Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, who spoke out against the toll road as it was proposed based on the damage it would due and the alternates available to planners.

"As an elected official, I understand and appreciate the pressure to update our transportation system to reduce gridlock. However, we also have a responsibility to honor our promises. Property within the toll road's connection to I-5 was dedicated

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## AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

### *News of Note*

#### New Effort Targets DUI Drivers

A federal grant worth more than \$500,000 is being used to implement new enforcement measures targeting drunken drivers in 2009. At least one DUI checkpoint will be staged in each contract city in the county.

In addition, there will be 70 "saturation" patrols. The Sheriff's Department logged more than 1,650 arrests for DUI in 2008, during which there were nine fatalities and 122 injuries attributed to drunken driving.



#### Recycle Those Old Batteries



Wondering what to do with old household batteries that cannot go in the trash? Gather up your batteries and take them to a county library.

County libraries are collecting household batteries from the public free of charge as part of a pilot program that runs through March 31.

Household batteries are considered "universal waste" by the state. While less of a risk than other hazardous chemicals, universal waste can be toxic to the environment if not handled properly.

Prior to dropping off their batteries, residents should cover the positive ends of the batteries with tape and place them in a sealed plastic bag.

#### Computer Classes For Seniors

Seniors who want to improve their computer skills or learn how to "surf the net" will want to check out the just-introduced "Absolute Beginners Computer Basics Class" hosted in the instructional lab at the Encinitas branch Library. The February session is a four-class series. For more information and prospective dates and hours, contact Encinitas Librarian Sandy Housley at (760) 634-6454 or, by e-mail, to [sandy.housley@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:sandy.housley@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Supervisor Slater-Price helped fund the lab and library through the Third District community grant program.



### PASSING OF THE TORCH...

David Kreitzer (right) hands off to Peder Norby some of the documentation that he reviews in his capacity as a county planning commissioner. Norby was appointed to the post by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price. After two decades of public service, the 79-year-old Kreitzer, a Rancho Bernardo resident, retired from the appointed post. His replacement, Peder Norby, 46, was executive director of the Downtown Encinitas MainStreet Association for 12 years and is currently the coordinator of the Highway 101 association in Encinitas. Norby was also instrumental in bringing the Legoland theme park to Carlsbad. The Planning Commission meets twice monthly to decide issues of land use in the unincorporated areas of the county.

## Slater-Price Chosen Vice Chair

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price was chosen the vice chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in a unanimous vote. Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who represents the East County, was voted chair.

"I look forward to serving not just the people of the Third District but all residents of San Diego County this year as vice chair," said Supervisor Slater-Price. "This board is facing financial challenges as it prepares for a future that contains a dramatic reduction in tax revenue. We are facing the 'Perfect Storm' to ever hit county government in that the nationwide recession is combined with the drop in property values and consumer spending.

"This arrives at a time when the state of California is searching for ways to

reduce its \$20 billion to \$40 billion deficit. We must be prudent in our budgeting."

Supervisor Slater-Price explained that all five supervisors realize the challenges facing the County of San Diego.

"We are rolling up our sleeves and working on ways to readjust expenses to match revenues," she said. "This is just one aspect.

"We are looking at alternatives that encourage job growth in the private sector, so that this region can build upon its deserved reputation for offering residents and employers an outstanding quality-of-life that encourages innovative, talented people to be part of San Diego County's successes. Our hard work and dedication is our strength."



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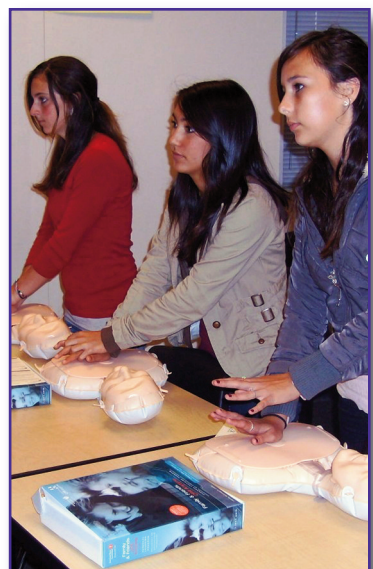


## FIRE SAFETY STRATEGIES SHARED

About 30 foreign dignitaries as well as fire, emergency and county planning officials attended an information-sharing meeting on Dec. 4 organized by Supervisor Slater-Price with Pierre Vimont, the French Ambassador to the United States. The meeting, hosted at the Salk Institute, focused on the ways French fire officials conduct wildfire suppression. Supervisor Slater-Price (left) delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Bettina Experton, former Honorary French Consul for San (above), gave a presentation on working together to share ideas. French firefighters gave an overview of how the French government maintains a centralized firefighting airbase in Marseille, where hefty ground and air support can deploy to a fire in France and nearby countries. Weather, topography and vegetation during fire season in southern France are similar to those experienced in San Diego County during its fire season.



Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (left) spoke during her launch of the Heart Safe San Diego County campaign at Westview High School, along with program partners (far left) Melissa Wilimas of the American Heart Association San Diego and Maureen O'Connor, a paramedic with San Diego Project Heart Beat. Paramedics trained about 650 9th-grade Westview students during their health/physical education classes (right). Students learned the life-saving technique using the American Heart Association's "CPR Anytime" kits, which they were encouraged to take home and use to teach at least three other people.



## AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT

### Slater-Price Committee Assignments Announced

New assignments for 2009 have Supervisor Pam Slater-Price representing the County of San Diego on issues of economic development, habitat preservation, transportation, shoreline protection and water management.

Supervisor Slater-Price will serve on the following committees and panels for 2009:

#### 1. Board of Supervisors

- Clean Water Subcommittee
- I-15 Riverside-San Diego
- Multiple Habitat Conservation Program
- Multiple Species Conservation Program Review
- Santee Town Center
- Summit on Aging
- Tri-Cities Municipal Water District Property Tax Exchange ad hoc Subcommittee

#### Other Committees

- Economic Development Policy Committee
- Encina Financing Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors
- Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Task Force
- Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- SANDAG Regional Planning Committee
- SANDAG Public Safety Committee
- SANDAG Regional Housing Task Force
- SANDAG Shoreline Preservation Working Group
- SANDAG Borders Committee (alternate)
- SANDAG Executive Committee (first alternate)
- SANDAG Transportation Committee (third alternate)
- San Dieguito River Park JPA
- San Diego County Mental Health Board
- San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force
- San Diego County Safe Kids Coalition
- San Diego County Water Authority (ex-officio member)

- San Diego Workforce Partnership Inc. Policy Board (alternate)
- Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Board JPA (alternate)
- Vista-County of San Diego Building Authority.
- North San Diego County Transit Development Board (alternate)

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fiscal year. This board will strive to maintain the quality services residents receive today from the County of San Diego as we adjust the budget to match these new fiscal realities. What we must realize is this economic crisis is not short-term in duration nor does it allow for short-term solutions.

“This is a fundamental shift in our nation’s economy. We will do everything possible to encourage intelligent job growth in this region, to ensure this county stays diversified in its job base while retaining our reputation of offering residents and employers a first-class quality of life that all can appreciate.”

Supervisor Slater-Price said she remains committed to her

priorities of neighborhood safety, sustainable economic development and environmental preservation.



Beach-goers return from San Onofre State Beach and the famed Treastles surf break.

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To the people of California as recreational open space, and included the very popular San Mateo state campground.

“In addition, the open space corridor is home to at least a dozen species of endangered or threatened birds and represents a vital link in the habitat management plan for north San Diego-south Orange counties.”

The proposed 16-mile toll road was planned to run from Oso Parkway south to Interstate 5, including a 4-mile section impacting San Onofre State Park and Camp Pendleton.

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